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VACAVILLE , CALIFORNIA **June 2014**

Presidents Message,

Mike W6MAV

Members of the Vaca Valley Radio Club will host their annual Field Day on Saturday, June 28, and Sunday, June 29, George Vidal KK4XU and his family will be hosting the event on their property in rural Vacaville.

Local hams will be providing public demonstrations of their emergency communications capabilities and will be showing off the latest digital, voice and historical Morse code capabilities.

This annual event is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL - the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power sources, ham radio operators construct emergency stations in parks, malls, and back yards around the country. Their slogan, "Ham radio works when other systems fail!" is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, Internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a disaster.

Club members invite the public to drop in, meet and talk with local hams and see ham radio's capabilities, as well as learn how to get an FCC Amateur Radio license. Club members will even help you "get on the air" and try ham radio out for yourself! See what modern ham radio can do.

To learn more about the Vaca Valley Radio Club, visit our FaceBook site "Vaca Valley Radio Club" or contact ----------> me at w6mav@ymail.com.

Also we'll see you on Thursday, June 12th, 5:30 PM, at Mary's Pizza Shack, 505 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA for our annual get together. (There will be no meetings in June July or August.)

See you there!
President Mike W6MAV

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VVRC Meeting Notes

Art Miller
KI6UXE

Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1900.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund, $2326.17; Repeater Fund, $858.00; Prize Fund, $76.00

A Ham license test session will be held at Jerry Olive's office on Saturday, June7.

The end of fiscal year dinner will be held at Mary's Pizza Shack on Davis Street 1800 on Thursday, June 19.

Business Meeting adjourned at 1920.

General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1930.

Jerry Olive, **KD6WKY** reviewed his day operating the W1AW/Nevada contest at Virginia City, Nevada.

Kim, KI6JNX, won the drawing and took home $18.50

Jerry, **KD6WKY**, demonstrated a setup of a BuddiPole 80 and 40 meter antenna. He will be using the BuddiPole at the club Field Day.

Marcus, KI6WDX demonstrated his new BuddiStick vertical antenna and will also be using it at the club Field Day.

Skip, **AF6HC** had spine surgery and is recuperating at home. All members wish him a speedy recovery.

Marcus, **KI6WDX** will set up a station near the Yountville Veterans Home on July 4 and all are invited to join him. Contact Marcus for details.

General Meeting adjourned at 2038

Art Miller-KI6UXE
For Skip Lawson

JERRY, KD6KDY's DAY AS W1AW/7

Jerry Olive KD6WKY

A few weeks ago during the time period when Nevada was on the air as W1AW/7 I was part of the team of over 30 radio amateurs that operated at the Comstock Memorial Station W7RN in Virginia City, NV.

The station is located on a site that is 6,800' elevation with antenna towers and beam antennas everywhere! Inside the operating room there are three work stations each with state of the art equipment including Elecraft K3 transcievers, Alpha amplifiers, and touch screen control software to move the antennas.

I worked CW all afternoon on a K3 running 1,500 watts to a stacked array of three beams on 120' towers on each side of the hill top. I started out on 20 meters then shifted over to 10 meters because it was open to Europe, Africa, and South America as well as all of North America.

The pile up was so big, I had difficulty hearing individual stations at times; it wasn't long before I had to run split on two frequencies to I could try and spread out the callers a bit.

W7RN will again host the W1AW/7 call later in the year and will need operators for both CW and SSB at that time so if you think you want to go let me know.

Over the four hours I operated CW, I worked about 300 stations on six continents only missing Antarctica. If you ever get a chance to go over to Virginia City and visit the Comstock Memorial Station and sit in the chair, I encourage you to do it.

Jerry Olive
http://www.jerryolive.com
http://www.qrz.com/db/KD6WKY

VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB--2013

ELECTED OFFICERS
President: Mike Vieria, W6MAV
Vice President: Jerry Olive, KD6WKY
Secretary: Skip Lawson, AF6HC
Treasurer: Bob Hewitt, K6HEW

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Director: Antonio DelRio, N6ZGB
Director: Chris Jones, KD7TQO
Director: Arthur Miller, KI6UXE
Director: Richard Craig, KJ6MIB

APPOINTED POSITIONS
Net Control Chairperson: Chris Jones, KD7TQO
Club Activities Chairperson: Board of Directors
Newsletter Editor: Jerry Bowen, KJ6SCC
Newsletter Publisher & Distributor: Bob Hewitt, K6HEW

EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY!

- **ARES® at Tsunami Awareness Fair**
- **Hurricane Watch Net Seeks Net Control Operators**
- **SKYWARN, ARES Active for Severe Weather**
- **National Hurricane Center's WX4NHC Annual Station Test: May 31**
- **National Hurricane Preparedness Week is coming**
- **New Focus on the "Served Community"**
- **Arizona Off Road Mountain Bike Event Turns to Emergency**
- **Letters: COMT Class Held in Oklahoma**
- **Letters: Hospital Communications**

It seems like every time you opened up a newspaper or an ARRL newsletter this last year or so that some kind of disaster was headlining the news. No, this isn't about the current administration's kind of disaster, it is what Mother Nature can whip up to show her power over us mere human beings.

One of the things you can count on is that in many cases a severe loss of communications can result in the area of the event.

Enter the Ham Radio volunteers, who spring into action when and where ever needed.

With their own portable rigs they supply much needed support required to bring sanity and comfort to the victims who need help.

One of the important things about these folks is that they constantly prepare for any calamity before they happen with drills, study and training so they are ready to do what is needed in the most efficient way.

A giant pat on the back is in order for these volunteers who do it all on ther own dime!

Jerry, KJ6SCC

The 2014 ARRL Field Day
JUNE 28-29
7828 English Hills Road, Vacaville, CA

Jerry Olive, KD6KDY

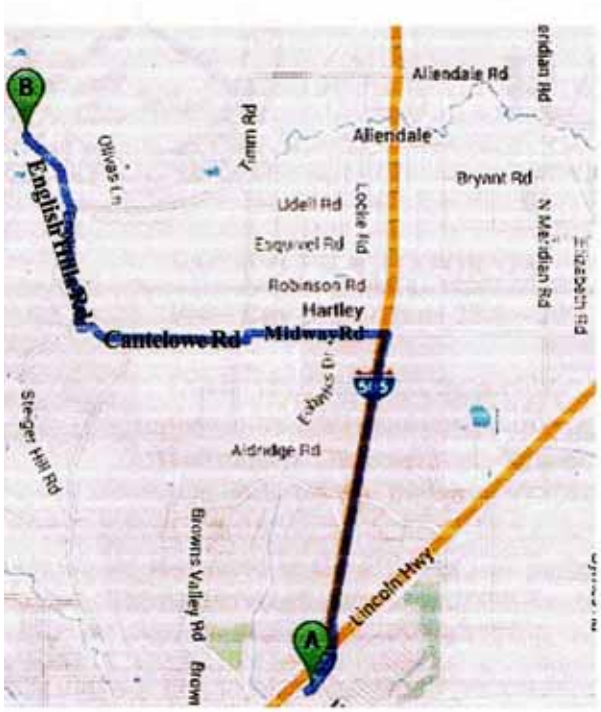
The 2014 ARRL Field Day is approaching soon and looks to be fun one for our club. The location of our portable Field Day station will be the home QTH of Jorge and Maria Vidal over on English Hills Road.

The site address is 7828 English Hills Road, Vacaville, CA 95688. I have done a thorough reconnoiter of the property keeping shade, open space for antennas, parking, and accessibility at the top of the list for everyone.

We'll be finalizing details at the next meeting for who brings what, but the plan as I see it is for me to set up my portable HF station as a base. Club member should bring their antennas, radios, and other amateur radio gear to use and compare.

The idea is to have a working station up and running at the start of Field Day. You set up your favorite antenna and bring it on line for a spin to see how well it works. Same thing with any other gear you bring along. My 1KW generator can handle anything you bring.

7828 English Hills Road, Vacaville



Directions to Field Day Site

1. Head north on I-505 from I-80
2. Take the Midway Rd exit
3. Turn left onto Midway Rd
4. Turn Left onto Timm Rd
5. Road curves right onto Cantelowe Rd
6. Continue on Cantelowe Rd.
7. After curving right around the Fire dept Station the road curves left
8. Turn right onto English Hills Rd
9. Go left at the intersection of English Hills Road and Peaceful Glen Road
10 Continue on English Hills Road
11. Destination will be approximately .9 miles on the right

7828 English Hills Road, Vacaville

THE VVRC WELCOMES YOU

The Vaca Valley Radio Club has proudly served the Northern Solano County Area since 1988. We pride ourselves in providing a friendly place for radio amateurs to meet and improve their operating skills.

We participate in public service events throughout the year and are always ready to assist with communications during times of emergency.

Browse our website for more information about our club. If you have any questions please e-mail us at w6vvr@w6vvr.net or call 707-448-5665 for assistance

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Wheelchair accessible

Visit the Repeater online courtesy of Bob K6HEW at: vacavalleyradio.net

Club repeater in Vacaville:W6VVR 145.470 MHz(-) pl 127.3
The W6VVR net call is Tuesday evenings at 8pm on the club repeater. All are invited to participate in this weekly meeting on the air. 73!

Additional local repeaters
WV6F 224.200(-)
WV6F 440.025(+)
WV6F 1291.900(-)

THE BIT BUCKET

Operations of the VVR to go into hibernation for two months

Maybe some of the members will retreat to their mancaves (Ham Shacks), while others will sneak off to mysterious destinations, National Parks, shipboard cruises, visit distant relatives, and various favorite places to relax and recuperate from the tedious requirements of daily life.

One of the great things of being a licensed ham operator is that if you just can't resist chatting with other brothers of the RF waves it will be possible to pull out that small rig you hid from the XYL and surreptitiously chew the fat with others in muted tones.

Hope everyone enjoys the summer by doing whatever pleases you and the family and above all, drive carefully.

NET CONTROL OPERATORS

1st week of month-Jerry Bowen; KJ6SCC
2nd week of month-Richard Craig; KJ6MIB
3rd week of month-Chris Jones; KD7TQO
4th week of month-Marcus MacLean; KI6WDX
On months with 5 weeks-Bob Hewitt; K6HEW

Jerry Olive, Strikes Again

Once again Jerry, KD6WKY, lands one of those prized QSOs.

Below is the documentation he received

GREETINGS FROM SANTA CLAUS AT THE FINNISH ARCTIC CIRCLE

You have contacted the Santa Claus radio station, OF9X, located in Northern Finland, just a stone's throw from Santa's workshops. Let this enclosed certificate bring back those wonderful memories when you along with children of all ages were getting into the Christmas spirit.

Along with your radio accomplishments we are now proud to promote you as an Ambassador of the Land of Christmas with duties to meet people and tell them about your contact to the Northern Village. Let the information below help you with that mission;

Lapland Radio Region and Santa Claus Land:

Hams living in Lapland can be identified by the prefix OH9 – number 9 – and they are the smallest number - a few dozen - of amateurs in any district of Finland.

This region is geographically the largest in Finland and the Arctic Circle cuts the region in two.

Population:

The total population is 183.000 and it is decreasing. The capital Rovaniemi has over 60.000 residents and it is a vibrant, modern city with high standards, such as a high-level educational institution - the University of Lapland. The number of people living above the Arctic Circle is the highest in the world. The Arctic Circle runs on 66 33 39 northern latitude.

Characteristics of the Region:

Tourism represents the largest source of employment, with winter sports and Santa Claus dominating the scene. Both the shortest day and longest day of the

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year can be experienced here: 24 hours of daylight and 24 hours of darkness. Lapland's nature is its biggest asset and Santa is its best known representative. www.laplandfinland.com/In_English.iw3

Ho-Ho Santa Claus:

While the history of Santa Claus dates back to 1820 in Lapland, the mystiqueis still here specifically for the young ones of the family. Traveling in the North, you will eventually find Santa's representative offices everywhere –e.g. Nuuk, Greenland and Reykjavik, Iceland. Santa also has a representative office on two Christmas Islands; T32 and VK9X.

Lapland Reindeer.

Your buzzword table ended up with two words; LAPLAND REINDEER. Congratulations on making it out correctly. So now you may need some more background information. Reindeers are the property of some local residents although they live in the wild and even cross country borders. They number some 500.000 and they provide Lapland families with meat and milk but also clothing and tools. Reindeer still play an important role in the Lapland economy and the meat is tasty and very popular in all of Scandinavia.

But how do the owners find and recognize their reindeer? You may ask the next OH or, better still, yet come and visit Lapland and find it out all by yourself. Or maybe you want to read some more; www.lapland-travel-info.com/Reindeer.html

Thank you for your interest and, once again, it was a pleasure to have you on board at Christmas 2013 - we are already waiting for the next one to come.

Until then, our best wishes to you and yours!

Santa Claus and the gang at OF9X

What's this?

Is Space Ship Enterprise time traveling back to earth?!?

Nope! It's just one of Mother Nature's fantastic displays of her power in Wyoming.

This is for you tower climbing Hams.

Just imagine what it is like climbing the "Big Ones" on the big cities tall buildings.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

VACAVALLEY RADIO CLUB, INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Please Print & Fill in Completely Dues are delinquent January 1st

Name: _____ Call Sign_____

Street: _____

City: _____Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____-_____OK to Publish ?(_____)

License Class: _____ ARRL Member ?(_____)

E-Mail Address_____

FAMILY Member (Spouse or Children)

Name: _____ Call Sign_____
License Class: _____ARRL Member ?(_____)

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MEMBER Dues	$20.00	_____
Each Family Member	$ 2.00	_____
Student	$ 5.00	_____
Repeater/Autopatch donation		_____
Call/Name badge	$11.00	_____
Optional ARRL membership		
ARRL dues	$37.00	
Total		_____

Paid by CASH: Check # _____

DATE: _____

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